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Rhiannon is a highly experienced commercial, projects and procurement lawyer with extensive experience of advising on environmental and energy matters.

She has considerable experience of advising public sector organisations, including local authorities in Wales and England, on large scale and complex energy from waste projects and a variety of waste management contracts. Such work requires an in-depth knowledge of relevant and applicable legislation that impacts on policy and operational matters.

Rhiannon has drafted, advised on and negotiated a wide range of legal agreements from concession or waste treatment and recycling to exclusivity or non-disclosure.

"Rhiannon has not simply been an advisor but became an integral part of our project team and was at the heart of the decision-making process. I found Rhiannon to be not only an extremely skilled and knowledgeable lawyer but also a very likeable person who fitted seamlessly into our team. Rhiannon has the ability to provide advice that is sensible and practical in a confident and sensitive manner. She has a gift for explaining complex legal positions."

— Ian Berry, Project Manager, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

EXPERIENCE

Rhiannon qualified as a solicitor in 2004, joining the legal team at a local authority where she advised on a variety of environmental, commercial and procurement matters, working closely with the Environment Team on a variety of waste related projects and matters.

In 2005, Rhiannon joined Clarkslegal LLP's Environment section of the Corporate/Commercial team. She was at Clarkslegal for 11 years and was promoted to partner in 2013.

Rhiannon joined Capital Law's Construction Energy and Projects team in May 2016. Capital Law is a legal services provider on the NPS legal services framework agreement.

Her expertise includes:

- Seconded to a local authority client to provide legal advice and support to the Environment Team, working closely with the Director. This involved advising on matters relating to collection and disposal obligations, landfill, landfill gas management, service delivery issues with contractors and procuring waste management contracts.
- Advising clients on outsourcing of collections services and the associated legislation that applies to the delivery of collection services.
- Lead legal advisor acting on behalf of three local authorities procuring a long-term design, build, finance and operate contract for the treatment of food waste and for the generation of renewable energy.

Rhiannon is a trustee of toogoodtowaste, a charity that aims to reduce waste and alleviate poverty, and is the vice chair of the charity's finance sub-committee.

RECENT WORK

- Leading on multiple procurement processes for a variety of treatment and recycling contracts being procured by a single local authority. Drafting all tender and contract documentation. This involved working closely with the waste services team to understand operational processes and advising on the legislative requirements in respect of service delivery and provision of receptacles, which included the legislative framework for charging for waste services and receptacles.
- Lead legal advisor acting on complex procurement process using the competitive dialogue procedure acting for four local authorities collaborating to award a long term contract for the treatment of residual waste with a value of over £300 million. This included drafting and negotiating complex commercial documents as well as complex joint working arrangements, and advising on all supplementary and ancillary contracting documentation including guarantees and subcontracts. To effectively advise on this matter, it required an excellent understanding of the four authorities waste operations, the legislative requirements that impact on all aspects of the contract and operations, transport costs and statutory recycling targets.
- Drafting concession agreements for energy client to fund and install solar pv panels on landowners' properties allowing for a sharing mechanism of the resulting benefits arising from feed-in tariffs and energy savings